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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

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A Large Variety of Items From Other Points of the Old World.

A Large Haul of Murderers at Cedar Rapids--Other Domestic Events, Markets, Etc.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE AND CHINA. PARIS, March 18.--The Gauls say, Lihang Chang, viceroy of China, is submitting a basis of peace to the English and American ministers at Peking and asking them to intervene.

A WASTE OF TIME. Prime Minister Ferry has been interviewed upon the question of general disarmament by European powers. He pronounced it impossible.

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GLADSTONE'S HEALTH. LONDON, March 18.--To-day's bulletin regarding Gladstone's health states he is slightly better.

DOINGS IN THE COMMONS. LONDON, March 18.--In the house of commons to-day, the army estimation bill passed.

WHERE WAS BISMARCK? BERLIN, March 18.--In the reichstag to-day the president announced the resolution of condolence at the death of Herr Laaker.

UNVEILING A MEMORIAL. LONDON, March 18.--The memorial tablet in honor of Samuel Pepps in St. Oliver's church, London, was unveiled to-day.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla is made of roots herbs and bark. It gives tone to the stomach and makes the weak strong.

The Carpenter Trial. CHICAGO, March 19.--The Journal's Petersburg, Ill., special says: The prosecution in the Carpenter case rested this morning.

Little Rhody's Heaps. PROVIDENCE, March 18.--An independent republic state convention assembled here this morning with delegates representing half of the state.

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Double Eagles and Bullion Piled Up in the Treasure Rooms of Two Steamers. New York Sun. Trucks loaded with well-dressed men rolled up West street at intervals yesterday morning and disappeared on the covered pier of the Cunard Steamship company at the foot of Clarkson street.

The gold was in the form of bars and double eagles, and was the largest amount shipped on a single day for several years.

The little kegs and iron-bound boxes stored in the "treasure room" on the Servia were forty all told, and were counted by the pursuer and all the officers before the large iron door was closed and locked.

"It is not unusual for us to receive on board large amounts of gold," said a clerk at the wharf. "We carry more or less on every trip."

"In the first place, the treasure room is of iron and is as strong as any bank safe. It has complicated locks, and no cracksmen, no matter how clever they were could get into it inside of a week."

"Is it especially guarded during the trip?" "Yes, it is thoroughly looked after. The pursuer and officers thoroughly inspect it three times a day and three times at night."

"Was the Servia's treasure chamber ever broken into?" "Never, and no one ever tried to break into it. Anyway, if thieves did get in, they could not very well carry away the gold, for it is too heavy. The gold in these forty kegs and boxes weighs close to 25,000 pounds."

A weather-beaten man with a drooping eye-lid, who had been listening, tapped the reporter on the shoulder as he was leaving the wharf.

"Young man," he said, "ever heard of Cap'n Kidd? Well, his plunder wasn't a rope yarn to a six-inch hawser alongside this here wealth in the Servia. Ef Kidd was around these days, them millions wouldn't never get across the pond. Wot a pity for him he's dead."

The superintendent of an importing house which is constantly sending out large amounts of gold said yesterday that the house insures it. The firm get the money from the sub-treasury or assay office, prepare it for shipping and then lodge it in the vessel. There their trouble ends.

"Do you send any one along to watch it on the way?" "No; it would do no good. The money is perfectly safe in the vessel and in the extremely improbable event of a piratical attack our man might get killed."

"Why do you send out gold?" "Because it is impossible to buy commercial bills. There are not any in the market."

A Dry Stream. "Talking about floods," said a traveler from Colorado, "if you want to see a flood sometime that is one, go out to Western Nebraska and gaze on the Platte when she's dried. Take her in a dry spell and there ain't a tamer stream on earth. One day, before there was any bridges built west of Grand Island, a party of us were going to Julesburg--that was years ago, when there was a Julesburg. In an afternoon we came to a low, sandy place, where there were some puddles of water standing around here and there. After we'd picked our way across the sand with our wetting out feet, I says to an old stager, 'We can't be far from the Platte now.' 'The Platte?' he says; 'why, you tenderfoot, we have just crossed it. Well, there wasn't hardly water enough there to float a single, nothing but sand and old snags of trees. But the next day we came to what I thought was an inland ocean. 'What lake is that?' I inquired of the old stager. 'Lake,' he says; 'lake that ain't no lake. That's the Platte.' You may put a cow brand on my left haunch if it wasn't a mile wide and running over the tops of the cottonwoods. And it hadn't rained a drop where we were, but there must have been some lively waterpots and snow melting up in the mountains."

He Got an Order. The drummers have had some hard times of it lately. Three of them boarded a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train at Monmouth the other day, and with long faces began to discuss the situation. "I have sold only three bills of goods in four days," said the Chicago drummer, "and didn't get a nibble in Monmouth."

"Neither did I," said the Burlington drummer, "and I haven't made expenses this week." "Now, to show you how funny luck runs," spake up the St. Louis man, "I'll tell you my experience. I've been out thirteen days now, and hadn't sold a dollar worth of goods until today. In Monmouth I took one solid order. 'The thunder you old souldier,' ejaculated his unbelieving listeners. 'Yes, boys, and I'll tell you how I did it. It's a pointer that keeps a grocery there on the square near the postoffice. I spoke. Didn't you call on him?' 'Well, I did. I was desperate, too, and was bound to sell or talk him to death. I stuck in him three straight hours, boys, but I fetched him. Just as I was getting hoarse he turned around kind o' quick and business like, and says: 'I poot a stop on this, pike Goat. I gif you an order, and I want it filled pooty tain quick, too. I know ven I'm no' no' de-lephone to a-chin' one and be dalked at all de day.' 'But it made you feel good,' said the Chicago man; 'first customer in thirteen days. But what did he order?' 'That's the worst of it,' replied St. Louis. 'He ordered me out of his store.'"

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